

THE DOCTRINES & TEACHINGS OF
First Harvest
Ministries



Preparing The First Harvest
...the firstfruits unto God



So . . .

you've
noticed a FEW
THINGS different
while visiting
with us today
at *First Harvest
Ministries*.....



It's Ok, it happens all the time
around here, YOU ARE NOT ALONE! :)

We admit that we do things a just a little differently (*boy, is that an understatement*) and we don't want you confused or in the dark about the ways we worship nor the things that we believe.

Today, you will see; dancing and great celebration: The lighting of the Menorah candles; The sounding of Shofars (trumpets); The intensity of worship; The laying on of hands; you will hear us using names like *Yahshua* and *Yahweh*. You WILL PROBABLY WONDER WHERE YOU HAVE LANDED!

Also, by now, we're sure you have noticed that we're having church on Saturday and not Sunday. Can it get any stranger? (*don't put it past us*)

Please be patient with us and read our literature closely before making up your mind. We might just be on to something good here and sadly a closed mind is always resistant to change.

It is our intentions, if you will give us a chance, to explain to you in this booklet WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO.

It is our firm belief that all of our worship practices and teachings are fully founded in the *Holy Scriptures* as we sincerely ask you to be honest in your examination of our beliefs and test them to the scriptures.

THE LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH, THE SEVEN GOLDEN CANDLESTICKS

Light is the description of Yahweh (God) Himself as He is the light of the world. He is the creator and the originator of light and that is the reason why He instructed Moses to burn a golden candlestick with seven candles before Him continually in the house of worship.

This golden candlestick of seven candles is one of the greatest symbols of the presence of Yahweh (God) in the Bible. This Menorah as it is called is a perfect symbol of His Presence. We have a biblical command and precedent in this lighting of the Menorah.

LEV 24:4 - *THOU SHALT BURN THE CANDLESTICKS BEFORE ME
CONTINUALLY*

Yahweh (God) gave very specific instructions concerning this beautiful candlestick as found in the following scriptural references.

EXODUS 25:31-35; EXODUS 26:35; EXODUS 35:14; EXODUS 37:17-20
NUMBER 8:2-4; HEB 9:2; REV 2:5; REV 1:20; REV 2:1

As you study the verses above, you will find a very close connection between this candlestick or Menorah to the very plans and intentions of Yahweh throughout the ages. In the old Testament, this candlestick not only represented the Father in the light of creation but also the shining forth of that light through His son, Yahshua (Jesus) in the future days of the New Covenant. As they beheld this candlestick that saw the light of Yahweh that would soon shine through His son and therefore all of Israel looked forward to the coming Messiah, the light of the world.

However, the greater part of the story that involves you is hardly known. Yahshua (Jesus) was indeed the light of the world while He was in the world for thirty-three years. However, He tell us that He would not be the light of the world after he left the earth. But rather, His light would then shine through His church and that church is seen in the book of Revelation as symbolized by seven candlesticks.

JOHN 9:5 - AS LONG AS I AM IN THE WORLD, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Notice that Christ was the light of the world as long as He was in the world and He shall be the light of the world again when He returns to set up His Millennium government. However, until such a glorious time that responsibility of light has been transferred to His church.

MATT 5:14 - YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The church of Yashua (Jesus) Christ, the Messiah is represented in the New Testament by a seven golden candlestick in Rev 1:20 and that is the reason we light the Menorah each time the church gathers... it is the biblical symbol of who we are!

Why we light the Menorah?

It represents the light of the world



**"YOU ARE THE
LIGHT OF THE
WORLD"
MATT 5:14**

**LEV 24:4
"YOU SHALL
BURN THE
CANDLESTICK
BEFORE ME
CONTINUALLY"**

*Representing the
Seven Church Ages
The light of the church*

THE SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR, BLOWING THE TRUMPET IN ZION

What was that sound? The one that probably took you by surprise as our worship service began. It is with this loud blast of the rams horn that we began each and every Sabbath service, but why? There is definitely a purpose.

When we gather on the seventh day of the week, this is emblematic of and indicative of the soon return of the Messiah, Yahshua (Jesus Christ). We all know that when Christ returns He will return with the sound of a great trumpet according to the scriptures. The sound will be so loud that it will awaken the sleeping saints whom are resting in their graves. Therefore as we gather on the seventh day it is in recognition of His return which will just so happen to be on the seventh day of His plan for the ages. So, when we come together, we come to celebrate His soon return and what better way to do that than with the sounding of the same trumpet which will be blown by the angels at the ending of the six thousandth year or rather, the sixth day.

There is much scriptural precedence for sounding the rams horn or the Shofar when the saints gather into a Holy Convocation or gathering.

JOSHUA 6:5 - AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS, THAT WHEN THEY MAKE A LONG BLAST WITH THE RAM'S HORN, AND WHEN YE HEAR THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, ALL THE PEOPLE SHALL SHOUT WITH A GREAT SHOUT

NUMBERS 10:7 BUT WHEN THE CONGREGATION IS TO BE GATHERED TOGETHER, YE SHALL BLOW

II SAM 6:15 SO DAVID AND ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL BROUGHT UP THE ARK OF THE LORD WITH SHOUTING, AND WITH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET.

PSALMS 47:5 - GOD IS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT, THE LORD WITH THE SOUND OF A TRUMPET

EXODUS 19:13 - WHEN THE TRUMPET SOUNDETH LONG, THEY SHALL COME UP TO THE MOUNT

JUDGES 6:34 - BUT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME UPON GIDEON, AND HE BLEW A TRUMPET

II SAM 6:15 - SO DAVID AND ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL BROUGHT UP THE ARK OF THE LORD WITH SHOUTING, AND WITH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET.

I COR 15:52 - IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP: FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED.

Why we sound the Shofar?

It represents the coming of Christ



LEV 25:9

“YOU SHALL
SOUND THE
TRUMPET OF
JUBILEE

THROUGHOUT
ALL YOUR LAND”

“FOR CHRIST HIMSELF
SHALL DESCEND FROM
HEAVEN AT THE LAST
TRUMP OF GOD
THE DEAD IN
CHRIST SHALL
RISE FIRST”
I THES 4:16

*This is a sacred
call to worship
and Jubilee*

WHY DO WE DANCE SO FREELY AND WITH SUCH EXPRESSIVE STYLE?

We try our very best to obey the scriptures in our lifestyle and in our Sabbath celebrations. Yahweh (God) is very specific in His instructions for His church, these instructions separate us from the world and make us special unto Him. Obedience is the greatest treasure that we can offer unto Yahweh as His Word tells us that “*Obedience is better than worship or sacrifice*” unto Him.

To find His instructions concerning our worship, you need not look any further than to those who first worshipped Him, the nation of Israel. They were taught by Yahweh Himself exactly how to worship Him; When to worship Him and Where to worship Him. He left nothing to their imagination as He has a prescribed way that He wants His people to worship Him. The nation of Israel was in fact the first people of Yahweh and therefore they serve as a perfect example of perfect worship and therefore we try to look into the worship of ancient Israel as led by King David to pattern our own worship to Yahweh.

One of the primary practices that we find in the worship of Israel is dancing, very expressive and emotional dancing. This was an extension of themselves and an offering that was given to Yahweh. This was their celebration and their giving of themselves wholly unto Him.

King David was so inspired in dancing that we find Him dancing before Yahweh on many different occasions. In His sacred writing when teaching us how to approach Yahweh, He tells us to “Come before Him with Dancing, Thanksgiving and Praise”

When we look up the word “*dancing*” in the Old Testament we find that it meant “*swirling or orchestrated movements*.” It seems quite evident that the dancing that the King of Israel participated in was so expressive that he drained himself to the point of losing his outer garments.

Lucifer has no originality in him and always seeks to pervert what Yahweh has created for His own glory. Therefore, the art of dancing has become perverted among the carnal minded of the world. Lucifer, in all of

his nightclub causes all of his worshippers to dance before him, all night long.

Dancing is a natural part of celebration and Yahweh commanded us to celebrate his Sabbaths. The word "Celebrate" does not bring to mind images of people standing in one place with no exuberance and no excitement.

Our creator loves when we use our dancing to delight in His Sabbath gatherings. The modern church world has turned people into spectators rather than participants. The holy gathering of the church is a time for all of His people to join in the celebration with dancing and great celebration. So, why don't you join with us today and bring your offering of dance before the Lord.

One does not have to "feel anything" to clap their hands to Yahweh, nor do they need to "feel anything" to raise their hands. We do those things because the scriptures tell us to "*lift our hands*" and to "*clap your hands all ye people*".

Why do we dance?

Dancing is a natural part of celebration



LEV 23:32
"YOU SHALL
CELEBRATE
MY
SABBATH"

We obey
and we
do those
things to
be pleas-
ing unto
Yahweh....

IS THERE
ANY
DIFFER-
ENCE WITH
DANCING?

"HE TURNED MY
MOURNING
INTO DANCING"
PSALMS 30:11

*What's a celebration
without dancing?*

WHY DO WE USE THE ORIGINAL HEBREW NAMES FOR OUR CREATOR?

Please don't be alarmed! Sadly, many people do not understand that when we say Yahweh and Yahshua that we are actually speaking the very name of the Creator. The word "God" is indeed not a name but rather a title and in this world there are many gods. The Bible tells us that Lucifer himself is a god and kings and pharaohs were considered gods. However, the Almighty God of Israel revealed to Abraham His personal name and that name was Yahweh. He then called Israel by His name, they were the children of Yahweh. They were known all over the known world as worshippers of Yahweh.

However, today we have lost these names throughout the centuries for various reasons and this beautiful name is being returned to the dialect and the knowledge of the people of Yahweh. We do not serve a generic and nameless God, we serve Yahweh, the Almighty God.

The Son of Yahweh came "in His father name" according to His own words. We know this to be true because the name of the Son of God is originally, *Yahshua*. When that name is broken down, we see that it means, *Yahweh is Salvation*. Thus, the name *Yahshua* is the name *Yahweh* and "shua" is added to reveal Yahweh as Salvation.

Therefore when we say the name *Yahshua*, we are not creating some new teaching of doctrine. Rather, we are returning to the original; we are returning to what His own mother called Him, what the angel that announced His birth called Him, what the Apostles called Him.

*Why we use the name Yahshua?
We are saying Jesus . . .
In it's original language*

Transliteration of Yeshua Into Jesus

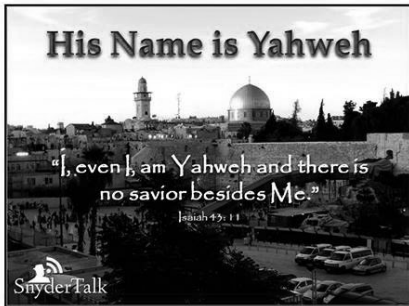
Hebrew/Aramaic	Ye-sh-ua	(yay-shoo-ah)
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Greek	Ie-s-ous	(ee-ay-sous)
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Latin	Ie-s-us	(ee-ay-sous)
	↓ ↓ ↓	
English	Je-s-us	(gee-sus)

*The name
Yashua
simply means
"Yahweh is Salvation"*

We do not condemn anyone who chooses rather to refer to Him as *JESUS*, the name that was given to Him by the Greeks and later by the English. In times past we did not have this knowledge of His original name but now we do. We feel it would be disingenuous of us to know His name, His original name and use an altered version.

It is not common to change the spelling of a name when travelling to foreign countries. Names are normally respected in their original language and when spoken to in a foreign tongue, the spelling of the name does not normally change. However, for reasons unknown, the name of our Messiah was ripped of it's Hebrew spelling and therefore we encourage everyone to at least consider the beauty of His original name and not think ill of those in His church who cherish this knowledge and endear themselves to Christ by the use of His original name.

Why we use the name Yahweh?
"God" is a title . . . We prefer a Name



II CHRON 7:14
"IF MY PEOPLE
WHICH ARE
CALLED BY
MY NAME . . "

"I COME IN MY
FATHERS NAME"
JOHN 5:43

In this world
there are many
gods

*A
Thorough
Examination
Of
Our
Teachings*

THE HOLY BIBLE

We believe that the Holy Bible, in it's original language, to be the Word of Yahweh with absolute and final authority in our lives.

We consider the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments to be profitable in the life of the believer, without one testament superseding the other. We find no error in any of the Holy Scriptures, when properly understood in their original context. We do not affirm that any modern translation of the scriptures, including the King James Version are without error as they were translated by men of bias and religion. Therefore, when we are studying the sacred writings we always study the original languages of the Bible and the authors.

We are careful to avoid the practice of "EISEGESIS" (*the quoting of scripture in defense of one's own understanding and isolating one verse from it's context as a proof text*) but rather we try to practice the seemingly forgotten art of "EXEGESIS" wherewith we examine the historical setting, the contextual setting and the language of a verse, preferring to examine chapters rather than verses.

We believe that we are required to "*Study to shew ourselves approved unto Yahweh*" and therefore it is incumbent upon true disciples to test all things by the scriptures, both Old and New. In the times of the early church, Paul tells Timothy that "*all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and profitable for doctrine.*" At the time that Paul wrote those admonitions to Timothy, there were only one set of scriptures available to the church and that would be the Old Testament. Paul says that the Old Testament was good for doctrine and therefore in our ministry we do not just draw our doctrines from the New Testament as so many other churches choose to do. However, we glean understanding of the New Testament from intensive study of the Old Testament.

We encourage a very systematic and intensive study of the scriptures at our Bible College, Biblical Foundations Institute, founded in 2014 by First Harvest Ministries with theological degrees given after successful completion of an orderly study of the scriptures.

ETERNAL LIFE

We believe that while the mainstream of Christianity offers an instantaneous ticket to Heaven and eternal life upon the mere mental acceptance of a crucified savior; the Bible tells us a much different story about salvation.

We believe that the scriptures tell us about a “*journey of faith*” and a “*race to be ran*” with a prize of the crown of life to be given to all who not only start but finish that race.

Somehow, in the modern church, THE JOURNEY was removed and the race was run when you run to the altar. Rather than a mental acceptance of Christ, the scriptures teach a total surrender to the commandments of God and the faith of Yahshua (Jesus Christ).

Therefore, we conclude as a ministry that salvation is offered at the end of a successful race and the crown of life given to those who “*run this race with patience, laying aside every sin that doth so easily beset them.*” We repudiate and totally oppose the teaching of John Calvin in regard to the “*Preservation of the saints*” or as it is more commonly known “*Once Saved Always Saved.*”

Much of this dangerous mistruth was given life by a misunderstanding of the entire concept of being “*born again.*” This ministry contends that when you TRULY understand the concept of being “*born again*” then you will see the fallacy of eternal security.

We highly recommend our newest booklet “*So, you say you’re Born Again*”

You may request a free in-home presentation from one of our Bible College students regarding our teaching on eternal life and being born again.

THE GODHEAD

We fully reject the creation of Catholicity and their man-made doctrine of “the Trinity” of which no one in the early Apostolic church had ever heard.

We fully accept the scriptural teaching about Yahweh; *“Hear O Israel, the Lord (Yahweh) our God(Elohim) is One Lord!”*

There is no other entity beside Him - there is no Trinity of three separate Gods or three separate “PERSONS” in the Godhead; there is no one else that spread forth the heavens but Yahweh our Elohim.

From the primordial epochs of existence there has been only one Creator and His name is Yahweh.

First Harvest Ministry recognizes no other God beside Yahweh and His son Yahshua as the only manifestation of this One God.

We deny that the Holy Spirit is a separate entity from the One true Yahweh.

We deny that the Holy Spirit is a person separate from the Father but rather it is the very essence and power of the Most High; the very life force of Yahweh that expels from His very person and does the work of God in the earth today.

We believe fully in the man Christ Jesus or Yahshua the Messiah that lived 33 years upon the earth; lived a sinless life as our example and then died as a sinless transgressor in order to pay the ransom for our persons held in Satan’s domain.

We believe He died late Wednesday evening on the 14 of Nisan, the day of Passover and that He was resurrected 72 hours later as the scriptures teach at the end of the weekly 7th day Sabbath, late Saturday evening around 6:00.

We believe that there is no other way to Yahweh except through Yahshua. We believe that the very Son of God now sits on high with all authority in heaven and earth and is awaiting His triumphant, kingly return.

DIVINE HEALING

The blood of Yahshua provides healing for the obedient and faithful believer as we believe that divine healing is “*the children’s bread*”. However, we do not believe as the majority of Christianity does that it is God’s plan to heal everyone or else everyone would be healed. However, this ministry does teach of a time in the very near future, during the Millennium reign of Yashsua when all sicknesses will be healed.

There are several reasons for this;

First, Healing is the childrens bread and it not promised to anyone outside of Covenant with Yahweh through His son Yahshua. Therefore, we believe and teach that if one is walking in direct rebellion to the laws of the Creator that they can make no claim on the childrens inheritance.

Also, we believe that there is a “*Sickness unto death*” meaning that everyone must die and sickness is what brings death and no amount of prayer in the world will stop that sickness; Paul instructs us not to pray for the “*sickness unto death*.”

Also, we believe that there is sickness that is brought into our lives as a direct result of sin against the body and no amount or prayer will counteract the fruit of those particular seeds of sinful living. Such as; we believe a person practicing sexual perverseness must reap the fruit of their doings and to pray for such a situation would be useless and wasteful of the resources of prayer.

Finally, we do believe there is a sickness “*for the glory of Yahweh*” in which He plans to show forth His miraculous healing power and has therefore allowed it.

Paul instructs us to “*lay hands suddenly on no man*” without discerning first, how we should pray. The bible tell us that “*If any is sick among you let him call on the elders of the church that your sins may be forgiven you*” we believe that the prayer for healing should be preceded by the prayer of repentance for any willful sins in our lives and then we may make claim to the healing power of Calvary.

PLAN OF SALVATION

Since the beginning of time salvation could only be obtained by obedience to Gods laws. For Example; In the garden of Eden Adam could have obtained eternal life by simple obedience to the law of God. The Nation of Israel could have “*Kept the commandments and lived.*” Salvation has always been granted for obedience. However, man disobeyed Gods laws and God instituted the “*handwriting of ordinances*” written by Moses that allowed for a substitutionary and temporary payment for the “Sin debt” which has always been death (not torture} Where do we first find the origins of SALVATION BY FAITH? In the Old Testament surprisingly, not in the New Testament as we always believed.

When an Israelite sinned or broke Gods law through disobedience in the Old Testament, the justice of *Yahweh* demanded their death, But the mercy of *Yahweh* allowed for the guilt of the lawbreaker to be transferred, literally, and the guilt to be placed on an animal who would then die in their stead. However, this act of obedience required FAITH, because the lawbreaker had to have FAITH that there was a God and that he had indeed broken Gods laws and that he indeed needed a saving blood to be shed in his place; and then he acted upon that faith WITH HIS WORKS of animal sacrifice, which was very costly in those days, and thus we see SALVATION BY BOTH FAITH AND WORKS.

Faith that he needed saving blood and then works to bring the animal to the altar and pay the cost for the animal. Of course; these animals could only pay the debt forward and never eradicate the demands of eternal justice. However, the day came when Yahshua, the lamb of God, came to do what those other animals could not do; completely pay the sin debt. Today we must do just like the children of Israel; we must recognize that WE HAVE BROKEN GODS LAWS and recognize that death is demanded to pay for our sin. Then we must recognize the ultimate lamb has come and no longer requires us to depend on “THE SACRIFICIAL WORKS OF THE LAW OF MOSES” we now place our faith in the Lamb of God that He took our place and we look to him now rather than to the works of animal sacrifice. We not only believe with a mere mental belief, but just like the children of Israel we place good works with out faith; these are called our “*First Works*” and they include; Repentance, we then bring our lamb to the altar (so to speak) by walking into the waters of baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Yahshua) and then customarily with the laying on of hands we receive the Holy Spirit as promised upon our obedience.

SANCTIFICATION

We teach that A JOURNEY began when you decide to follow or imitate the life of Christ. We teach the plan of salvation as A JOURNEY rather than a destination. We refer to this journey as the path from Mt. Calvary to Mt. Zion; Zion is the ultimate dwelling place for the Overcomers; The Bride of Christ or the 144,000.

The process of being changed begins at Mt. Calvary and ends at Mt. Zion.

Life after conversion begins a process of change in the mind. Before being granted your eternal body in the resurrection you will first develop an eternal mind (renewed mind) in this life and that mind will then be able to match up with that eternal body.

This process is sanctification; a lifetime journey.

If, at the resurrection, your mind is still carnal and filled with bitterness and hate it will not adapt to the new SPIRIT BODY and as a result you will not be allowed into the eternal Kingdom of God upon the earth, as a fully manifested son in the family of Yahweh, as rulers in His coming world wide government.

We believe that the purpose of conversion is not to give you your “*SAVED CARD*” but rather to begin your birthing process from the old man unto the new man.

THE ETERNAL LAW OF YAHWEH

We believe that one of the greatest misunderstandings in the modern Christian church is matters regarding “The Law” and it’s supposed abolishment when Yahshua came.

If Christ tells us in Matt chapter 5 that “*not one jot or one tittle of Gods 10 commandment eternal laws will ever pass away*” and if Paul calls the law “*holy and good and life and joy*” and if James calls it the “*Royal law of liberty*” and if Yahshua tells the man in Luke 19 when asked how to receive eternal life “*Obey the law*” then how did modern Christianity come to be at such odds with any mention of the word “law”?

This travesty is theologically referred to as “*ANTINOMIANISM*” or Anti-Law.

But didn’t Jesus crucify the law to the cross? Indeed He did, but you must study and ask yourself this question, WHICH SET OF LAWS?

Herein lies the whole mystery and thus clears up the confusion. THERE ARE TWO SETS OF LAWS being mentioned in scripture; Gods Eternal 10 Commandment laws which existed before creation as we can prove and then another set of Handwritten Ordinances by the hands of Moses known as the SACRIFICIAL WORKS LAWS.

The second set of laws were written after Gods Ten commandment laws were written and they were written as a way to forgive sins temporarily.

When Jesus died on the cross the second set of laws or better known as the handwriting of sacrificial ordinances were done away with; but this must never be confused with Yahweh’s eternal laws, which we will be keeping even during the millennium.

Paul says that the first set of laws is good and holy and able to give eternal life if abided by. However, he totally went to war against those handwritten laws of Moses that provided for the forgiveness of sins through animal sacrifices. He was determined to destroy THAT LAW of MOSES that the Jews continued to live in and place their faith in

THE NEW COVENANT

We believe in the New Covenant, but not as the modern church does!

They teach that we are now living under the age of grace and law breaking is now allowed and forgiven, before you even break it, because God knows “no one can be perfect” even though he commands in His Word “*Be Ye Perfect Even as I am Perfect*”

What Kind of God would require the keeping of His laws for salvation if He knew that no one could keep them? The very kind of God who would MAKE A WAY for you to do what He demanded of you to do., a merciful and gracious God.

Yahweh demands that we obey Him but He also knows that “*with man it's impossible*” to obey Him. So, therefore He said in the Old Testament that with the infilling of the Holy Ghost in our lives He would EMPOWER US to Do what He demands us to do; to OBEY HIS LAWS.

Now, Yahshuawould come and live in us and through us and with His life power in us we would finally be able to do what God demands.

If you will read the scriptures concerning the NEW COVENANT that everyone loves to claim, you will find something very surprising; IT IS THE EXACT SAME COVENANT AS THE OLD TESTAMENT COVENANT!

This is what the Old Testament covenant said “*If you will obey me you shall be given abundant life.*” In the New testament the same laws still apply, so much so that God says “*IM GOING TO WRITE THIS LAW INSIDE OF Their MINDS BY THE SUPERNATURAL HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and then they SHALL DO MY LAWS AND BE SAVED BY THER OBEDIENCE*”

So, What is the New Covenant? “*If you will obey me I will save you and claim you as my sons*” ... BUT NOW, it's even better, because I'm going to give you the very power and ability to do what you could not do before.

It is no longer YOU that lives but CHRIST that lives in you (the Holy Spirit)

THE PERSON OF CHRIST

There is only ONE WAY to know God (Yahweh) and that way is the man born of a virgin; The Lord Jesus Christ. (Yashua He Mashiach)

We believe that all men will have to confess Him as Lord and they will to receive salvation. There is no other way to salvation than by faith in His shed blood. We believe that Jesus Christ (The Man) was born by immaculate conception without any trace of the seed of sin inside of Him. However, He was born a human with the same choices given to Him as Adam (The first Christ) was given; the power to choose obedience or rebellion.

Because this man Jesus chose obedience on the Mount of Temptation, He was then recognized as a fully submitted Son of God and found worthy to be the sacrifice for our sins and given power over death and thus ascends to God to receive His authority over Heaven and earth.

He then returns to fill His church with His very essence; The Holy Spirit. We believe He died having lived an innocent life but yet He died a sinner because He in fact was counted guilty as a transgressor and He literally BECAME the sins of the world and as such He died a transgressor although He never transgressed.

THE TRINITY

Just as the early Apostolic Church never endorses the doctrine, later created by Roman authority, known as “The Trinity” neither does the true Church of God do so today.

We reject the plurality of the one Almighty Yahweh (Jehovah) and we believe in ONE Head of the family of God and that family is currently made up of the angels of Heaven, the firstborn from the dead (Jesus Christ or Yahshua) and the soon to be born “*great company of many brethren*” which will be, both you and I, if we finish this race of faith and are counted worthy to enter into the Divine Spirit Family of Almighty Yahweh (Jehovah).

We believe as the Bible tells us “Hear of Israel, the Lord our God is One”

THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that there is no 3rd person of a Trinity. Rather, we believe that the Holy Spirit is the very essence, power or life force of the Almighty God; Yahweh (Jehovah)

We believe that it was this very life force that was inside of Jesus Christ without measure and that the very “spirit of Christ” returned to infill individual believers in the church age to empower them to live the same life that Jesus lived.

We believe the purpose of the Holy Spirit is not for gifts (although those do accompany automatically) but rather we believe the purpose of the Holy Ghost is give us supernatural ability outside of human comprehension to live a life pleasing to God and walk above the power of sin and to walk in obedience to the commands of God.

We believe that the Holy Spirit believes every Word of God and teaches us Gods Word and reveals to us the secrets of God that have been hidden from the eyes of the wise and the prudent and revealed only to true babes in Christ.

THE CHURCH

We believe in what God believes in; Government.

One of the signs of the end time apostasy will be that men will be “*despisers of government*”.

Heaven is governed and has a hierarchy of angels; there is order; there is accountability; there is so much government that even Michael the Archangel refused to disrespect Lucifer because of Lucifer’s past position of government in Heaven.

Michael refused to rebuke Satan but rather invoked a higher authority to rebuke him with; the name of Yahweh.

We believe that in the Old Testament church (Natural Israel) There was government; headship, accountability, statutes, laws and procedures. In the New Testament God gave “*gifts to His church*” and that gift is DIVINE GOVERNMENT through the offices of THE CHURCH.

Additionally, in the Millennium there will be a very structured form of government over the nations of the world and this is the reason why we practice working together now because one day we will “*rule the nations*” and we will also “*judge angels and the world*”

This is the reason that God has set up His church in the here and now; we learn to submit to righteous government

OUR CONNECTION TO ISRAEL

No one in the whole of scripture could ever be part of the Covenant of Yahweh without either being born an Israelite or becoming an Israelite by choice.

NOTHING HAS CHANGED!

You must STILL be a member of the nation of Israel to be in Gods beloved.

Now, some are born naturally into this nation but OTHERS MUST JOIN that commonwealth of Israel. How? IN the same manner as they did in the Old Testament BY CIRCUMCISION.

However, God in His sovereign ways has given us an even better circumcision than natural Israel had; this time He goes past even the foreskin and even deeper into the Spirit of Man and REMOVES THE FLESH and the power thereof by the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Upon this infilling you are then brought INTO THE COMMONWEALTH OF ISRAEL and made “nigh” or made close.

You WERE IN TIMES PAST “GENTILES”... but no longer, you are now a member of the beloved nation.

Additionally, we have not REPLACED natural Israel. According to Ezekiel’s prophecy one day you (Spiritual Israel) will be joined with them (natural Israel) and the two will become ONE NATION of ISRAEL - The NEW ISRAEL or JERUSALEM and all of natural Israel will be saved when as a whole they acknowledge the scars in their Messiahs hands upon His return and a *“nation will be born in one day”*

FINANCIAL GIVING

Man is given two primary commodities in this life to survive with; Time and Finances. Without time we would not live life and without income we would not live life. All other things pretty much hinge upon our time and our income.

Therefore, both of these areas are great testing grounds for Yahweh to determine the intent of our heart and where our love and allegiance lies.

Yahweh is so gracious and kind and loving that He gives us six days out of seven each week to pursue our livings and our dreams and our agendas; He only ask for one day! Pretty fair it seems.

He is also so kind that He gives us nine dollars out of ten and only ask for one. Not because He needs a dollar because He doesn't. However, His work on earth must be financed and in the economy of men that requires money. Therefore, He calls His people to release unto His work in the earth, only one out of ten dollars.

This is a true test of our allegiance and obedience. He tells us to bring these funds into the place where they are being ministered to by His duly appointed ministry. His house is called a House of Prayer and this house must be maintained by those who wish to keep this house open as a testimony to the world.

Yashua tells us in the New Testament that we should pay our tithe and to also all of the other things that Yahweh requires of us. However, in the New Testament period, we are normally known to give more than the tithe since we are filled with the spirit of Christ. We know that Christ was a giver and therefore that giving Spirit dwells in us as well... We are cheerful givers to the work of The church.

THE RAPTURE THEORY

The original Apostolic church was clueless of any such term or any such thinking as a pre-tribulation rapture.

This theory was invented in the late 1800's by The Plymouth Brethren and various others.

It is FALSE DOCTRINE and it is leading the church into a lie and causing them to not prepare for the horrible days that Gods church MUST endure until the end. It is a lie for itching ears.

There will be ONE RESSURECTION of the righteous and that will not occur one second before the 7th or last trumpet and that will be blown at the FINAL COMING of Christ; not seven years before as the modern church so sadly teaches. God's apostolic church has always and will always preach the final coming of Christ as the time when the dead shall be raised to "meet for the first time" the Lord in the air...not seven years prior.

THE WORLD RULING KINGDOM OF GOD

Many fail to understand the true majesty of the yet-to-come, world ruling, Kingdom of God on the earth. However, not until you fully explore this subject will you begin to understand what is happening on the earth at this moment in time.

The government of God has not been established yet as the modern church so erroneously teaches. It is not some ethereal feeling nor some condition of the heart. Rather it is a SOON COMING worldwide government that shall RULE THE NATIONS OF EARTH and that government shall be made up of righteous saints who were raised in the first resurrection and found worthy to RULE AND REIGN with Christ over the nations of the world.

The KINGDOM NOW teaching of the modern church was adopted from early catholic thinking as men grew tired of preaching “THE KINGDOM IS COMING” so rather they changed the message to “THE KINGDOM IS HERE”

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Contrary to what the Church of Christ and various others teach; The gifts of the Spirit DID NOT pass away with the Apostles and they still exist as a resource for Gods government (church) to use to day.

However, there is a reason that they do no work for many and you may order our teaching entitled “Illegal citizens in the kingdom” for further explanation. Also order “Did the Gifts of the Spirit Pass Away” for further understanding on this subject.

HEAVEN & HELL

Neither place was created for men!

Heaven was never Gods destiny for mankind; our inheritance is the earth!

After the millennium reign God Himself is moving His abode from Heaven to the earth to dwell among His family of sons and there is not one mention of men going to Heaven in the Holy Scriptures; not one! However, the scriptures are replete with the mention of Heaven coming to the earth where we shall ever live with the Lord.

Hell is also a most misunderstood subject. We at First Harvest Ministries believe that the wages of sin is DEATH not eternal, psychotic torture and we believe that this death will be consummated in the flames of hell where man will die an eternal death and be just as an animal; without eternal purpose and a wasted memory.

However, we also believe that this is not Gods purpose for His creation and that in the end He has already devised a plan to keep the majority of His creation from having to suffer that horrible fate.

LIFE AFTER DEATH

At this time no one is in Heaven or Hell contrary to modern church teachings.

Rather, the dead are sleeping and unconscious, awaiting the judgment of the saints and the sinners at which time they will be separated and sent to their final destination.

Sadly, the so-called church is clueless of this truth. We at First Harvest do not believe in the immortality of the soul as the so-called church teaches. We do not believe that man can live forever without faith in Christ and we do not believe that man leaves the body at death and drifts into the next level of existence; this is all anti-scriptural paganistic thinking invented by the Greeks and primarily Plato.

Please order our book entitled “What Really happens at death” for a detailed teaching on this subject

WATER BAPTISM

If obedience to God is necessary for salvation then baptism is necessary for salvation. The early Apostolic Church of God only practiced water baptism in one way; full immersion in the name of (or the authority of) The Lord Jesus Christ, Yahshua Ha Mashic (Hebrew for Yashua The Messiah)

We believe that water baptism is a holy sacrament of the church and when administered a very mystical union happens between Christ and His church just as it happens at the Passover meal.

Water Baptism is the place where we institute the new birth experience and seal it with the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

We do not baptize infants for nor adults who are not fully repentive and who have not counted the cost of becoming a follow of our Lord and Savior.

THE SABBATH DAY

Why do we keep the Sabbath day holy? Why do we do this on the seventh day of the week rather than the first day (Sunday) of the week as the rest of modern Christianity does? Quite simply - because Yahweh commanded us to and to date no one has shown us any place where He changed that commandment.

The Sabbath day is to time as the Tithe is to money. This is a divine appointment once a week between Christ and His church. Although you and I are able to love Christ each and every day; the demands of our life do not allow us to focus on Him as He should be focused upon.

Just as we do not forget special dates with our spouse, we are careful not to miss this date with the king, every seventh day, the only day that He ever claimed as His own and the only day that He ever made holy.

The very first thing that Adam and Eve learned was how to keep the Sabbath holy; they were created on the sixth day and the very next day, they were resting with Yahweh and keeping Sabbath.

Just a brief search of history will show you who changed the Sabbath day from Saturday to Sunday and it was not any of the Apostles or Christ but rather a false religious system that usurped the authority of the scriptures and changed Yahweh's times and laws.

The Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday evening and ends at sunset on Saturday evening. We make a very special effort in all of our homes to bring ourselves into a different frame of mind; a mind of worship and rest.

We are commanded to do two things in order to keep the Sabbath holy. We are commanded to cease from our "servile labor" which refers to our normal course of daily activity or employment. We are also commanded to gather together into a holy convocation with all of the rest of Israel, Yahweh's Holy Church.

There is no greater joy than when we see the sun setting on Friday evenings and at all of our homes, candles are lit while families gather and enjoy the next 24 hours of holy Sabbath time.

THE HOLY DAYS

Are you aware that Yahweh is so full of abundant life that He absolutely loves celebration, feasting and joyous times? So much so that He commanded His people to gather into a time of celebration seven times a year.

Each of these celebrations have amazing meanings and messages in them.

- #1 - Passover
- #2 - Feast of Unleavened Bread
- #3 - Feast of Firstfruit
- #4 - Feast of Trumpets
- #5 - Feast of Atonement
- #6 - Feast of Tabernacles
- #7 - Feast of The Last Great Day

Have you ever celebrated these monumental feast days? Probably not, because Satan has done a masterful job of hiding their illustrious meanings from God's church. He has used ministers of light to convince Yahweh's people that these feasts were supposedly done away with when Christ came.

If you took the time to fully understand the beauty of these festivals and their meanings; it would far outshine the falsehood of the holidays of the world. As God's holy church we are given amazing understanding into the mind of and the plans of Yahweh when we keep these festivals.

We are never commanded by Him to keep the holidays of the world but rather to be a separate people unto Him by keeping His Holy Days.

We invite you to read our booklet on "Sacred Appointments with His Majesty" for a deeper understanding of these beautiful, annual appointments with Yahweh.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME
TO READ OUR DOCTRINAL BELIEFS.

NOW, WE SIMPLY ASK THAT YOU DO MORE
RESEARCH AND DISCOVER AS WE DID
THAT WAS MUCH TRUTH YET TO BE
DISCOVERED

WE PRAY THAT THE BLESSINGS OF YAHWEH
WILL OVERTAKE YOU AS YOU
BEGIN THIS JOURNEY WITH US
FOR GREATER UNDERSTANDING.

REMEMBER, THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IS TO “LEAD US AND GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH”
THEREFORE IF THERE IS MORE TO LEARN
AND MORE TO KNOW THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT
WILL LEAD YOU THERE

WE BELIEVE THAT HE LED YOU HERE TODAY!



PERHAPS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS
ABOUT WHO WE ARE AND OUR
PARTICULAR FORMS OF WORSHIP
AND OUR PRACTICE OF CHRISTIANITY

Please allow this booklet to
serve as a resource of answers
for all of your questions.

In general, we are a Spirit-filled
congregation of believers in Christ
with a strong appreciation for our
Hebrew roots and Pentecostal
heritage as well as a strong passion
for the deeper understanding
of the Word of God, (*Yahweh*)